GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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RIVER EROSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the major rivers suffer from rapid erosion of their river banks;

(b) if so, whether Central Water Commission has conducted any survey on this aspect during the last three years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any State have requested for funds in 2002-2003 for protection of their river banks;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the Government propose to release funds to the State Government for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Erosion of banks of the rivers is a natural phenomenon. The extent of erosion varies with located from year to year.

(b) − (f) Central Water Commission has not conducted surveys on erosion of river banks of major rivers in the country.

Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating flood control schemes including river erosion primarily rests with the concerned State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

Government of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchalhave requested for funds in 2002-2003 amounting to Rs. 17.73 crore for protection of river banks against the Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in the GangaBasin States" under implementation during the 10th Five Year Plan.

Out of above an amount of Rs. 5.26 crore has already been released to Bihar. For other states the release of funds by the Central Government is subject to submission of progress reports and the utilisation certificates by the State Governments, compliance of comments of Ganga Flood Control Commissionby the State Government concerned and verification of the works done under the scheme by Ganga Flood control Commission where ever required.